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Examiner: Michael K. Luhrs

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

Applicants respectfully request that the above-identified application be amended as follows in response to the Restriction received:

Examiner has grouped the pending claims into the following groups:

Group I: Claims 1 – 8, drawn to device, classified in class 257, subclass 750;

Group II: Claims 9 – 21, drawn to method, classified in class 438, subclass 619.

Applicants select Group I (claims 1 - 8) for prosecution. Applicants hereby cancel claims 9 - 21 (Group II) without prejudice.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite or assist in the allowance of the present application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at (408) 720-8300.

Authorization is hereby given to charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 for any charges that may be due.

Respectfully submitted,

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